

“(5) WAIVER AUTHORITY.—The Commission may waive the requirement under clause (i)(II)(bb) or (ii)(IV), as applicable, of paragraph (3)(A) with respect to a component of a vessel if the Maritime Administrator determines that—

“(A) application of the requirement would—

“(i) result in an increase of 25 percent or more in the cost of the component of the vessel; or

“(ii) cause unreasonable delays to be incurred in building or retrofitting the vessel; or

“(B) such component is not manufactured in the United States in sufficient and reasonably available quantities of a satisfactory quality.

“(6) OPPORTUNITIES FOR LICENSED AND UNLICENSED MARINERS.—Except as provided in paragraph (7), the Commission shall include, in any order issued under subsection (a) that authorizes a person to export natural gas, a condition that the person provide opportunities for United States licensed and unlicensed mariners to receive experience and training necessary to become credentialed in working on a vessel transporting natural gas.

“(7) EXCEPTION.—The Commission may not include in any order issued under subsection (a) authorizing a person to export natural gas to a nation with which there is in effect a free trade agreement requiring national treatment for trade in natural gas a condition described in paragraph (1), or a condition described in paragraph (6), if the United States Trade Representative certifies to the Commission, in writing, that such condition would violate obligations of the United States under such free trade agreement.

“(8) USE OF FEDERAL INFORMATION.—In carrying out paragraph (1), the Commission—

“(A) shall use information made available by—

“(i) the Energy Information Administration; or

“(ii) any other Federal agency or entity the Commission determines appropriate; and

“(B) may use information made available by a private entity only if applicable information described in subparagraph (A) is not available.”.

(3) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 3(c) of the Natural Gas Act (15 U.S.C. 717b(c)) is amended by striking “or the exportation of natural gas” and inserting “or, subject to subsection (g), the exportation of natural gas”.

(b) CRUDE OIL.—Section 101 of title I of division O of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2016 (42 U.S.C. 6212a) is amended—

(1) in subsection (b), by striking “subsections (c) and (d)” and inserting “subsections (c), (d), and (f)”;

(2) by adding at the end the following:

“(f) TRANSPORTATION OF EXPORTS OF CRUDE OIL ON VESSELS DOCUMENTED UNDER LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in paragraph (6), as a condition to export crude oil, the President shall require that a person exporting crude oil transport the crude oil on a vessel that meets the requirements described in paragraph (3).

“(2) PURPOSE.—The purpose of the requirement under paragraph (1) is to ensure that, of all crude oil exported by vessel in a calendar year, the following percentage is exported by a vessel that meets the requirements described in paragraph (3):

“(A) In each of the 7 calendar years following the calendar year in which this subsection is enacted, not less than 3 percent.

“(B) In each of the 8th, 9th, and 10th calendar years following the calendar year in which this subsection is enacted, not less than 6 percent.

“(C) In each of the 11th, 12th, and 13th calendar years following the calendar year in which this subsection is enacted, not less than 8 percent.

“(D) In the 14th calendar year following the calendar year in which this subsection is enacted and each calendar year thereafter, not less than 10 percent.

“(3) REQUIREMENTS FOR VESSELS.—A vessel meets the requirements described in this paragraph—

“(A) with respect to each of the 4 calendar years following the calendar year in which this subsection is enacted—

“(i) if—

“(I) the vessel is documented under the laws of the United States; and

“(II) with respect to any retrofit work necessary for the vessel to export crude oil—

“(aa) such work is done in a shipyard in the United States; and

“(bb) any component of the vessel listed in paragraph (4) that is installed during the course of such work is manufactured in the United States; or

“(ii) if—

“(I) the vessel is built in the United States;

“(II) the vessel is documented under the laws of the United States;

“(III) all major components of the hull or superstructure of the vessel are manufactured (including all manufacturing processes from the initial melting stage through the application of coatings for iron or steel products) in the United States; and

“(IV) the components of the vessel listed in paragraph (4) are manufactured in the United States; and

“(B) with respect to the 5th calendar year following the calendar year in which this subsection is enacted and each calendar year thereafter, if the vessel meets the requirements of subparagraph (A)(ii).

“(4) COMPONENTS.—The components of a vessel listed in this paragraph are the following:

“(A) Air circuit breakers.

“(B) Welded shipboard anchor and mooring chain with a diameter of four inches or less.

“(C) Powered and non-powered valves in Federal Supply Classes 4810 and 4820 used in piping.

“(D) Machine tools in the Federal Supply Classes for metal-working machinery numbered 3405, 3408, 3410 through 3419, 3426, 3433, 3438, 3441 through 3443, 3445, 3446, 3448, 3449, 3460, and 3461.

“(E) Auxiliary equipment for shipboard services, including pumps.

“(F) Propulsion equipment, including engines, propulsion motors, reduction gears, and propellers.

“(G) Shipboard cranes.

“(H) Spreaders for shipboard cranes.

“(I) Rotating electrical equipment, including electrical alternators and motors.

“(5) WAIVER AUTHORITY.—The President may waive the requirement under clause (i)(II)(bb) or clause (ii)(IV), as applicable, of paragraph (3)(A) with respect to a component of a vessel if the Maritime Administrator determines that—

“(A) application of the requirement would—

“(i) result in an increase of 25 percent or more in the cost of the component of the vessel; or

“(ii) cause unreasonable delays to be incurred in building or retrofitting the vessel; or

“(B) such component is not manufactured in the United States in sufficient and reasonably available quantities of a satisfactory quality.

“(6) EXCEPTION.—The President may not, under paragraph (1), condition the export of crude oil to a nation with which there is in effect a free trade agreement requiring na-

tional treatment for trade in crude oil if the United States Trade Representative certifies to the President, in writing, that such condition would violate obligations of the United States under such free trade agreement.

“(7) OPPORTUNITIES FOR LICENSED AND UNLICENSED MARINERS.—The Maritime Administrator shall ensure that each exporter of crude oil by vessel provides opportunities for United States licensed and unlicensed mariners to receive experience and training necessary to become credentialed in working on such vessels.

“(8) USE OF FEDERAL INFORMATION.—In carrying out paragraph (1), the President—

“(A) shall use information made available by—

“(i) the Energy Information Administration; or

“(ii) any other Federal agency or entity the Commission determines appropriate; and

“(B) may use information made available by a private entity only if applicable information described in subparagraph (A) is not available.”.

(C) ENERGY INFORMATION ADMINISTRATION INFORMATION.—The Secretary of Energy, acting through the Administrator of the Energy Information Administration (referred to in this subsection as the “Secretary”), shall collect, and make readily available to the public on the internet website of the Energy Information Administration, information on exports by vessel of natural gas and crude oil, including—

(1) forecasts for, and data on, those exports for the calendar year following the calendar year in which this Act is enacted and each calendar year thereafter; and

(2) forecasts for those exports for multiyear periods after the date of enactment of this Act, as determined appropriate by the Secretary.

**SA 1555.** Mr. WICKER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1260, to establish a new Directorate for Technology and Innovation in the National Science Foundation, to establish a regional technology hub program, to require a strategy and report on economic security, science, research, innovation, manufacturing, and job creation, to establish a critical supply chain resiliency program, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of title IV of division C, add the following:

**SEC. 3409. CHINA ECONOMIC DATA COORDINATION CENTER.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Commerce, in coordination with the Secretary of the Treasury, shall establish within the Bureau of Economic Analysis of the Department of Commerce a China Economic Data Coordination Center (in this section referred to as the “Center”).

(b) DUTIES.—The Center, in coordination with the heads of other relevant Federal agencies and the private sector, shall collect and synthesize official and unofficial Chinese economic data on developments in the People’s Republic of China’s financial markets and United States exposure to risks and vulnerabilities in the People’s Republic of China’s financial system, including data on—

(1) baseline economic statistics such as gross domestic product (GDP) and other indicators of economic health;

(2) national and local government debt;

(3) nonperforming loan amounts;

(4) the composition of shadow banking assets;

(5) the composition of the People’s Republic of China’s foreign exchange reserves;

(6) bank loan interest rates;  
 (7) United States retirement accounts tied to Chinese investments;

(8) the People's Republic of China's exposure to foreign borrowers and flows of official financing for the Belt and Road Initiative and other trade-related initiatives, including data from the Export-Import Bank of China, the China Export and Credit Insurance Corporation (Sinosure), and the China Development Bank;

(9) sovereign or near-sovereign loans made by the People's Republic of China to other countries or guaranteed by sovereign entities; and

(10) Chinese domestic retirement accounts and investments.

(c) BRIEFINGS.—The Center shall provide to the appropriate congressional committees and the private sector on a biannual basis briefings on implementation of the duties of the Center.

(d) REPORTS AND PUBLIC UPDATES.—

(1) REPORTS.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The Center shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees on a quarterly basis a report in writing on implementation of the duties of the Center.

(B) MATTERS TO BE INCLUDED.—The reports required by subparagraph (A) shall include—

(i) key findings, data, a description of the research and development activities of the affiliates of United States multinational enterprises operating in the People's Republic of China, and a description of the implications of such activities for United States production, employment, and the economy; and

(ii) a description of United States industry interactions with Chinese state-owned enterprises and other state-affiliated entities and inbound Chinese investments.

(2) PUBLIC UPDATES.—The Center shall provide to the public on a monthly basis updates on implementation of the duties of the Center.

(e) RECOMMENDATIONS AND STRATEGIES.—The Secretary of the Treasury, using data collected and synthesized by the Center under subsection (b) and in consultation with the Center, shall—

(1) develop recommendations and strategies for ways in which the United States can respond to potential risks and exposures within the People's Republic of China's financial system; and

(2) submit to the appropriate congressional committees a report that contains such recommendations and strategies.

(f) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES DEFINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate congressional committees” means—

(1) the Committee on Foreign Affairs, the Committee on Financial Services, and the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House of Representatives; and

(2) the Committee on Foreign Relations, the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate.

**SA 1556.** Mr. WICKER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1502 proposed by Mr. SCHUMER to the bill S. 1260, to establish a new Directorate for Technology and Innovation in the National Science Foundation, to establish a regional technology hub program, to require a strategy and report on economic security, science, research, innovation, manufacturing, and job creation, to establish a critical supply chain resiliency program, and for other purposes;

which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 25, line 21, insert “, such as the activities of the Engineer Research and Development Center laboratories of the Army Corps of Engineers” after “areas”.

On page 239, between lines 6 and 7, insert the following:

“(F) Engineer Research and Development Center laboratories of the Army Corps of Engineers;

On page 239, line 7, strike “(F)” and insert “(G)”.

On page 239, line 8, strike “(G)” and insert “(H)”.

On page 239, line 9, strike “(H)” and insert “(I)”.

On page 239, line 10, strike “(I)” and insert “(J)”.

On page 239, line 12, strike “(J)” and insert “(K)”.

On page 252, line 9, insert “Engineer Research and Development Center laboratories of the Army Corps of Engineers,” after “Laboratories,”.

On page 274, between lines 6 and 7, insert the following:

“(ii) Engineer Research and Development Center laboratories of the Army Corps of Engineers;

On page 274, line 7, strike “(ii)” and insert “(iii)”.

On page 274, line 8, strike “(iii)” and insert “(iv)”.

On page 274, line 11, strike “(iv)” and insert “(v)”.

On page 289, line 5, insert “Engineer Research and Development Center laboratories of the Army Corps of Engineers,” after “development centers,”.

**SA 1557.** Mr. WICKER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1502 proposed by Mr. SCHUMER to the bill S. 1260, to establish a new Directorate for Technology and Innovation in the National Science Foundation, to establish a regional technology hub program, to require a strategy and report on economic security, science, research, innovation, manufacturing, and job creation, to establish a critical supply chain resiliency program, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place in title III of division F, insert the following:

**SEC. \_\_\_\_ . MODIFICATION OF FARA DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS.**

(a) **SHORT TITLE.**—This section may be cited as the “Democracy Dies in Darkness Act”.

(b) **SENSE OF CONGRESS.**—It is the sense of Congress that—

(1) foreign governments abuse paid supplements, including paid supplements in the form of newspaper inserts, to propagate disinformation to audiences in the United States through the information infrastructure of the United States;

(2) the conspicuous statement required under section 4(b) of the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended (22 U.S.C. 614(b)), plays an important role in upholding the freedom of speech by—

(A) clearly distinguishing the author of informational material for readers; and

(B) making the readers of certain informational materials aware that the informational material is paid content; and

(3) regulations in effect on the date of enactment of this Act allow foreign principals to place a conspicuous statement described in paragraph (2) in an area that is less likely

to be viewed by readers, thereby defeating the purpose of the conspicuous statement.

(c) **AMENDMENTS TO FARA.**—

(1) **DEFINITIONS.**—

(A) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 1 of the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended (22 U.S.C. 611), is amended—

(i) by striking subsection (l);

(ii) in each of subsections (a), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (k), (m), (n), and (o), by striking the semicolon at the end of the subsection and inserting a period;

(iii) in subsection (c)—

(I) in paragraph (2), by striking “clause (1) of this subsection” and inserting “subparagraph (A)”;

(II) by redesignating paragraphs (1) and (2) as subparagraphs (A) and (B), respectively, and indenting appropriately; and

(III) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A) (as so redesignated), by striking “Expect as provided in subsection (d) hereof, the” and inserting the following:

“(c) AGENT OF A FOREIGN PRINCIPAL.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The”;

(iv) in subsection (d)—

(I) by striking “3611” and inserting “3685”;

(II) by striking “defined in section 1(b) hereof”; and

(III) by striking “(d) The term” and inserting the following:

“(2) **EXCLUSIONS.**—The term”;

(v) in subsection (g), by striking “Public”

and inserting “public”;

(vi) in subsection (k), by striking “hereof” each place it appears;

(vii) in subsection (o), by striking “activities” and inserting “activity”;

(viii) by redesignating subsections (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (k), (m), (n), (o), and (p), as subsections (d) through (m), respectively;

(ix) in each of subsections (a), (b), and (d) through (m) (as so redesignated), by inserting a subsection heading, the text of which is comprised of the term defined in that subsection; and

(x) by adding at the end the following:

“(n) **PAID PUBLICATION SUPPLEMENT.**—The term ‘paid publication supplement’ means any informational material for which an agent of a foreign principal makes a payment to be included as a part of, inserted within, or attached to, a covered publication based in the United States.

“(o) **COVERED PUBLICATION.**—

“(1) **IN GENERAL.**—The term ‘covered publication’ means any print or digital—

“(A) news publication;

“(B) magazine;

“(C) journal; or

“(D) informational publication.

“(2) **INCLUSIONS.**—The term ‘covered publication’ includes any blog or social media website that displays advertisements.”.

(B) **CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.**—

(i) Section 5210(4) of the Competitiveness Policy Council Act (15 U.S.C. 4809(4)) is amended by striking “is defined” and all that follows through the period at the end of the paragraph and inserting “has the meaning given the term in subsection (c) of section 1 of the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938 (22 U.S.C. 611), subject to the exemptions described in section 3 of that Act (22 U.S.C. 613).”.

(ii) Section 722(d) of the Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 624(d)) is amended—

(I) in paragraph (1), by striking “(b)(1)” each place it appears; and

(II) in paragraph (2)(B), by striking “section 1(d) of such Act (22 U.S.C. 611(d))” and inserting “subsection (c)(2) of section 1 of that Act (22 U.S.C. 611)”.

(iii) Section 304(c)(3) of the National Security Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3073a(c)(3)) is amended by striking “(e)” each place it appears.